was on run between Murarai and Chatra Stations of Eastern Railway, 5 coaches of the train derailed over bridge No. 201. Of the derailed coaches, 2 capsized and toppled down the bridge.

The Commissioner of Railway Safety, Eastern Circle who conducted the statutory enquiry into this accident, has come to the conclusion that the accident was caused due to the snapping of safety bracket of a coach, its falling on the track and forming an obstruction in the passage of this train. The machinery to check the condition of safety brackets has to be tightened. The Commissioner has also recommended renewal of unserviceable sleepers on this bridge.

**Operation Black Board in Rajasthan**

1126. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the programme of Operation Black board has been implemented in the State of Rajasthan ?

(b) if so what is the number of schools in rural areas of Rajasthan where the above programme has since been implemented; and

(c) whether the target announced has since been completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) As per available information, the State Government of Rajasthan has selected 47 blocks (Panchayat Samitis) in rural areas and 134 towns having the population of less than 25,000 and 20 percent wards of cities having more than 25,000 population for implementation of the scheme of Operation Black Board during 1987-88 The total number of schools in these selected blocks will be 6575 These schools will be provided minimum essential facilities as envisaged in the scheme and the amount of Central assistance due will be released in terms of the scheme. It is proposed to cover other 30% CD Blocks/Municipal Areas in 1988-89 and 50% in 1989-90.

**STD Facilities in Rajasthan**

1127. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made for introducing STD facilities between various district headquarters of Rajasthan and the State Capital and also with Delhi; and

(b) by when work regarding provisions of STD facilities for all the districts of Rajasthan is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) 10 district headquarters have already been linked with the State Capital Jaipur and Delhi for STD facilities through Trunk Automatic Exchange Network.

(b) It has been planned to provide STD facilities to all the district headquarters of Rajasthan by the end of this Plan.

**Number of Telephone Exchanges in Rajasthan**

1128. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of telephone exchanges working at present in the State of Rajasthan, district-wise;

(b) the proposal, if any, to set up more telephone exchanges in the State, alongwith the names of the places; and

(c) the amount earmarked for the new telephone exchanges in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) In Rajasthan, there are 27 district having 683 telephone exchanges as on 31-10-1987 The number of telephone exchanges district-wise is given in statement-I (*See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir 53 now telephone exchanges were planned to be set up during the year 1987-88 subject to availability of